



# Saguaro National Park (West)

## Naturalist Program Schedule

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Programs meet at the Red Hills Visitor Center, 2700 N. Kinney Road, and last 30 to 45 minutes, unless noted otherwise. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5158 for updates. See [www.nps.gov/sagu](http://www.nps.gov/sagu) for other programs. *Programs marked with an \* are wheelchair accessible.*

### January 18 - January 24, 2010

#### Monday – January 18

**10:45 a.m. Rattlers! - Patio Talk\***

Explore the life and lore, myths and misunderstandings concerning one of the desert Southwest's most intriguing icons.

**11:45 a.m. Road Kill! Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road? – Patio Talk\***

National Parks and others work to put a stop sign on road kill. Find out the extent of the problem and how you can help.

**1:15 p.m. Birdless Bird Walk Easy 100 yard Walk \***

Have you heard a bird call you didn't recognize? Have you seen a bird new to you and wonder what it is? Even if no real birds actually grace us with their presence, we'll show you what the common birds look and sound like.

**2:15 p.m. Neighborhood Characters Easy 100 yard Walk\***

See if you recognize plant versions of your friends and relatives as you take a 30-minute nature walk in the Red Hills Visitors Center neighborhood.

#### Tuesday – January 19

**10:45 a.m. Mysterious Mammal .75 mile, 1 hr. Hike**

Sonoran Desert mammals are seldom seen, but they are present in great diversity and numbers. Where are they? How do they survive in the desert climate? Come along to learn the answers.

**2:15 p.m. Meet the Cuckoo of the Desert Illustrated Talk\***

Learn about the natural history, behaviors and fascinating facts about this colorful creature: the Roadrunner.

**3:15 p.m. Life on the Edge: Plant And Animal Survival Strategies Easy 100 yard Walk\***

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#### Wednesday – January 20

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**2:15 p.m. Those Who Came Before Patio Talk\***

Learn about the Hohokam (those who are gone), who inhabited this area from A.D. 300 to A.D. 1450.

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#### Thursday – January 21

**10:45 a.m. Desert Sojourn Patio Talk\***

Find out why this human perceived "harsh" environment is "Heaven on earth" for animals and plants.

**1:15 p.m. Ancient Graffiti Illustrated Talk\***

Learn about the different kinds of rock art from the past, who made them and how we determine their age.

**2:15 p.m. Geology of the Tucson Mountains Patio Talk\***

This program explores how the Tucson Mountains came to be where they are now, their composition and forces that built and continue to shape them.

**3:15 p.m. Signs of Life in the Desert** .5 mile Walk

Enjoy an easy walk around the Red Hills Visitors' Center to look for evidence of animal life.

### **Friday – January 22** ?

**10:45 a.m. Homesteading Adventures in the Desert** *Patio Talk\**?

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**1:15 a.m. They're Mining Our National Park??** *Slide Program\**

No, but they did before it became a National Park. If you are interested in the mining in this region and other local history, join us for this program.

**2:15 p.m. Critter of the Week** *Patio Talk\**

Meet one of the live animals found in the Sonoran Desert. What will it be? A snake? Scorpion? Tarantula? Tortoise? Come and find out.

**3:15 p.m. Snakes** *Patio Talk\**

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**11:45 a.m. The CCC and its impact on Saguaro National Park** *Illustrated Talk\**

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a Depression-era work program that had a great influence on National, State, and County parks throughout the Nation. Saguaro's trails, picnic areas, and scenic drives were established during this program. A brief history of the CCC in this area will be illustrated with old photo images and movie clips.

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**1:15 p.m. A Saguaro's Guide to Desert Survival** *Patio Talk\**

Did you know that the saguaro cactus is the ultimate desert survivalist? Come and learn what the saguaros can teach us about the desert.

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